

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

**Minutes of the Twenty-First Meeting of the  
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders  
Board of Scientific Counselors**

March 22, 2002

The meeting of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors was convened at 7:25 AM in Room 2B-28, at the National Institutes of Health, 5 Research Court, Rockville, Maryland. Dr. Laurence Trussell presided as Chairman.

**Members Present:**

Dr. Laurence O. Trussell, Chairman

Dr. Margaret I. Lomax  
Dr. Alfred L. Nuttall  
Dr. Randall Reed  
Dr. Diego Restrepo

Dr. Dwayne Simmons  
Dr. Richard J. Smith  
Dr. Bruce L. Tempel

**Ad Hoc Reviewers:**

Dr. Carol Bradford  
Dr. Kirk A. Frey

Dr. Cheryl L. Grady  
Dr. Reuben Lotan

**NIDCD Staff:**

Dr. James F. Battey, Jr., Director, NIDCD  
Dr. Robert J. Wenthold, Director, Division of Intramural Research, NIDCD  
Dr. Donald H. Luecke, Deputy Director, NIDCD  
Dr. David Robinson, Deputy Director, Division of Intramural Research, NIDCD

**Other NIH Staff:**

Dr. Arlyn Garcia-Perez, Office of the Deputy Director for Intramural Research (DDIR), NIH  
Drs. Wayne Drevets, NIMH and Silvio Gutkind, NIDCR, representatives of DDIR, NIH.

## **Administrative Business**

From 7:25 to 7:40 AM, Drs. Trussell, Wenthold, and Robinson provided an Orientation for New Members to Dr. Restrepo.

Dr. Trussell called the open meeting to order at 7:45 AM.

The minutes of the October 26, 2001 meeting of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors were approved as submitted.

Dr. Robinson discussed the rules of conduct for intermittent government employees and consultants and the need for confidentiality. He reminded the Board that a portion of the meeting was open to members of the public and press and that the only member of the NIH staff present during the Board's deliberations in the closed session was the Executive Secretary of the Board, Dr. Wenthold. Dr. Robinson noted that the next meeting will be held on October 25, 2002 to review a tenured scientist, Dr. Bechara Kachar.

## **NIDCD Director's Report**

Dr. Battey informed the Board that the NIH budget proposed for FY03 would provide NIDCD with a 9% increase and complete the goal of doubling the whole NIH budget within five years. The budget proposed for FY04 would include a 2% increase that would have a substantial slowing of funding at that time. Presently 71% of the NIDCD budget goes to R01s, a proportion that is high relative to most of NIH. NIH is giving serious consideration to increasing the stipends for pre- and post-doctoral fellows.

## **NIDCD Scientific Director's Report**

Dr. Wenthold thanked Dr. Simmons for his 5 years of service to the Board and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Dr. Wenthold provided the Board with an update on the progress of the Neuroscience Center. NIDCD will have 1,500 sq ft in Phase I that should be completed in 2004. He also provided information on the decision process for space allocation as well as the complex plans for moving investigators before, during, and after construction. Phase II is expected to be completed in 2008.

NIDCD is considering new laboratory space in the Twinbrook region that would provide room to expand the DIR within a region with several other Institutes, good Metro connections, and close to reasonable apartment rental property. However, this move would require a substantial initial investment from the Institute.

Dr. Wenthold informed the Board of openings within the Otolaryngology Training Program. He also informed the Board of a search for a Tenure Track scientist for the Laboratory of Molecular Genetics.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

This portion of the meeting was closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S. Code and Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

The Board of Scientific Counselors moved to Closed Session to consider the NIDCD responses to the reviews from the last meeting for Drs. Kuni Iwasa and Barry Horwitz.

During the remainder of the closed session the Board reviewed two tenure track scientists for their final tenure considerations.

### **NIH Deputy Director for Intramural Research Report**

Dr. Arlyn Garcia-Perez, on behalf of Dr. Michael Gottesman, Deputy Director for Intramural Research, first thanked the Board members and Ad Hoc reviewers for their services. She gave a brief update on the NIH Intramural Program and answered questions about the Tenure Track Process.

### **Adjournment**

The Board adjourned at 2:40 PM on March 22, 2002.

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes of the NIDCD Board of Scientific Counselors meeting are accurate and correct. 1

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Robert J. Wenthold, Ph.D.  
Executive Secretary  
Board of Scientific Counselors  
NIDCD

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Date

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Laurence O. Trussell, Ph.D.  
Chairman  
Board of Scientific Counselors  
NIDCD

1 These minutes will be formally considered by the Board of Scientific Counselors at its next meeting: corrections and notations will be incorporated into the minutes of that meeting.